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COMMUNITY
CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 31
Hebrew Academy board, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1
Sabbath candle lighting, 5:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2
Bureau of Jewish Education show, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 3
Sisterhood brunch, IHC and Beth-El, 11 a.m.
B'nai Torah dinner, 5 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 4
IHC executive meeting, 7:30 p.m.
ORT area council executive meeting, 7:30 p.m.
BJE board, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5
Ha'Ima board, 9:30 a.m.
Jewish Community Relations Council board, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6
Sunflower ORT board, 11:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8
Sabbath candle lighting, 5:53 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 10
BJE brunch, 11 a.m.
Hadassah dinner

MONDAY, FEB. 11
Friends of Jewish Music board, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12
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JCRC plea for Soviet Jewry at Beth-El, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13
Beth-El board, 7:30 p.m.
ORT chapter board at JCCA, 7:30 p.m.
B'nai Torah Sisterhood board, 8 p.m.

Youth leaders' views on
suicide, drugs mixedBy ANITA HEPPNER
PLOTINSKY

Second In A Series

Local Jewish educators and youth leaders had no unified response to a declaration of a teen suicide "epidemic" by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and to a subsequent analysis by the head of the Jewish Family and Children's Service in Indianapolis, Martin Percher.

Ellen Katzman, program director and formerly youth and young adult director at the Jewish Community Center, drew a distinction between reactive programming — programs presented in response to a particular incident or situation — and anticipatory programming, which is intended to prevent incidents from happening in the first place. The Center is "trying to get ahead of any problems," she said, because suicide and such related problems as drug and alcohol abuse occur in the Jewish community as they do in the upwardly mobile middle class community in general.

"It does happen to us: we're not immune," she warned. For that reason, the Center regularly offers awareness programs, such as a recent talk by the drug expert and former state trooper Bill Essex. In addition, the Center youth staff is trained to recognize signs of trouble — isolation, depression, withdrawal, changes in habits, radical mood swings, and the giving away of possessions.

Programs on teen suicide, drug abuse and alcohol abuse have not yet been introduced into the synagogue youth groups. B'nai Torah Cantor Ira Schnall, who leads his congregation's organization for high school students, said that he does not see these problems as a danger to his group. "I've heard kids talk about drugs and they think it's shocking," he said. Cantor Schnall was reluctant to say that Orthodox teenagers are less likely to be afflicted with these problems than their more liberal contemporaries, but he did suggest that since the members of his own youth

group were used to being different from other teenagers in a variety of ways, they might be more resistant to peer pressure.

Myra Seeburger and Nancy Gitelson, advisors to the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation's junior and senior high school groups, respectively, both acknowledged the existence of problems but felt that they should be addressed in the religious school rather than in the youth groups. The Temple has offered programs on suicide and drug abuse for eighth, ninth and tenth graders and their parents, according to education director Elaine Arffa, and a program on stress management is planned for the future.

At Beth-El Zedeck, according to education director Doreen Gray, a lecture and discussion on suicide were offered to ninth and tenth graders last fall. In addition, the synagogue presents an an-

nual program on a topic of concern to adolescents and their parents. The next program, scheduled for April, will be called, "Sad, Mad, Glad and Scared: Troubles with Feelings — the Crisis Years."

"The community is very sensitive to these problems," said Rabbi Sandy Sasso, who has called attention to them through talks both inside and outside her congregation.

Dr. Uri Korin, director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, said that suicide was discussed in his school last fall in response to a tragedy in the community. He said that "unless the issue is very, very urgent," however, he prefers to have such matters handled in the synagogues, by the rabbis.

The Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis teaches its students about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, according to Parent-Teacher

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Indiana Jews join
return to Auschwitz

An Indiana woman has increased the chances that Dr. Joseph Mengele may yet be made to pay for his barbarous experiments on human beings.

Eva Kor, of Terre Haute, founded an organization called CANDLES, a group for twins who survived the Nazi doctor's experiments. She then arranged for them to return to Auschwitz and Birkenau under the spotlight of world media for the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Kor and her twin sister, Miriam Cazigher from Ashkelon, Israel, stood last Sunday at the railroad ramp in Auschwitz where Mengele separated them as 10-year-olds from their mother in 1944. They and six others, all survivors of pairs of twins used as guinea pigs, dramatized an appeal for the cap-

ture and prosecution of Mengele, who is believed to be still at large in South America.

Also at Auschwitz for the 40th anniversary commemoration were seven members of the Indianapolis Jewish community. They are Michael Blain and his son David, Mike Vogel and his children Linda and Howard, Morris Frankovitz and Zoltan Weisz.

Participants in the days' ceremonies lit six memorial candles for the six million Jews who died at the hands of the Nazis, half of them at Auschwitz. They sang "Hatikvah," laid flowers, and offered prayers at the crematorium. At the end, they pinned yellow Stars of David to their chests and marched the two miles from the Birkenau barracks to Auschwitz itself.

BOUQUET
OF THE WEEK

goes to CAROLE STEIN

The Post and Opinion is delighted to present its bouquet this week to Carole Stein, who recently received the Hannah G. Solomon Award from the local section of National Council of Jewish Women.

Stein has served on the national board of NCJW for the last five years and is presently vice-chair of the financial development committee. She presided over the central district of NCJW from 1980 to 1982, and was president of the Indianapolis section for three years.

Outside the Jewish community, Stein has served on the State Child Mental Health Committee, the Prosecuting Attorney's Exemplary Projects Committee, and the Governor's Advisory Board on Juvenile Justice.

Previous recognition for her community service has included the Jewish Community Relations Council's David M. Cook Award for Human Rights, and the Outstanding Service Award of the Jewish Family and Children's Services agency.

Originally from New York, she is married to Jerry Stein, an independent manufacturer's representative. Their children are Marc, a photographer in Birmingham; Pam, a teacher in the Phoenix area; and Todd, a trainee with the Lord and Taylor company.

We salute Carole Stein for a lifetime of dedicated service to the entire community.

Indy teens join inauguration festivities

By GISELA WEISZ
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BIG TIME: The second inauguration of President Ronald Reagan was on a bitterly cold day. Many who went up to Washington to witness this historical event were disappointed to miss the outdoor festivities. Among the many was teenager Robin Schwartz, daughter of Dee and Sanford Schwartz.

She is a North Central



student who went to Washington with 105 schoolmates, among them Lori Bornstein, Susan Levin and Marc Glazer. The young people left Indianapolis on Jan. 19. They visited the Arlington National Cemetery, Washington Monument, Smithsonian Institution, National Art Gallery, Mount Vernon and Naval Museum — and they even had a picture stop at the White House.

Even though the kids had to miss the big attraction — the parade — they all still had a great time. The most fun was the Saturday night dance.

There were 700 kids in a Holiday Inn and they all participated in this gigantic party.

as president of "NFL", the retired men's club.

Art Mirkin, Ruth and Leon Nitsun, Emma and Richard Stafford, Anita and Marshall Yovits, and Rachel and Rabbi Ronald Gray.

The Grays have no children of their own living in Israel at the moment, but they have spent a year in Israel not long ago and were in close touch with Hoosier offspring who resided there.

The group discussed and agreed to form a local chapter of "APAI" — Association of Parents of American Israelis. "APAI" is a national organization with chapters in all major American cities. They will meet again in February when an "APAI" national representative will be here to explain the aims of the organization. Sylvia and Mike would like parents who are interested in this new organization on the Indy scene — to get in touch with them.

VISIT: Sandy and Dr. (Continued On Next Page)

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BROTHERS' KEEPERS: 'Operation Moses' saves Ethiopian Jewish lives by resettling them in Israel. This worthwhile endeavor was espoused by a fundraising social at Diane and Herb Simon's home on January 21.

Gerald Kraft, the International President of B'nai B'rith, who visited Ethiopia recently, was the main speaker. The total monies raised to date in the community is \$205,000. Offering cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were hosts Diane and Herb Simon to Shirley Backer, Susan and Dr. Peter Cahn, Carol and Arnold Feinberg, Patti and Dixon Dann, Barrie and Dr. Gary Fisch, Phyllis and Ed Gabovitch, Janet and Jerry Gershman, Pat and Irv Glazer, Audrey and Ed Goldwasser, Carla and Earl Harris, Paula and Stanley Herman, Tom Herman, Judy and Steven Jacobs, Bruce Jacobson, Bill Julian, Cookie and Jerry Kraft, Luise and Carol Kahn Jr., Irwin Katz, Meta and David Kleiman, Clara Lerner, Linda and Herb Melrose, Ellen and Harry Nadler, Vivian and Phil Pecar, Betty Paller, Paula and Jay Rosenfeld, Mike Seigel, Carole and Dr. Morton Tavel, Charlene and Sid Tuchman and Jane and Elliott Yolles.

Unlike during World War II — when Americans did not find it possible to lend a helping hand toward their fellow-Jews, who were being annihilated in Europe — it is possible now to help the Ethiopian Jewry with money. Send your contributions to "Operation Moses" in care of the Jewish Welfare Federation, Indianapolis.

NO JOKE: Congratulations to Norm Weisman, my fellow columnist, upon his election

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CARE ACROSS THE OCEAN: An interesting group of people gathered in Sylvia and Mike Blain's home on January 19. The Blains, who have a son and two grandchildren living in Israel, invited all parents who have children presently living in Israel for a get-acquainted party.

When the Blains started to compile the list, they were surprised to learn that there were 24 Indianapolis families with children in Israel. They suspect that there might be still others.

Those who attended this first gathering in Indianapolis were Mary Bronicki and her son Dennis, Gabriel Cohen, Lee and Bernie Frankovitz, Dorothy and Sheldon Friedman, Nora and Harry Goldstein, Helen and Milton Goldstein, Devera and Ron Gurvitz, Nachama Levy and Sarah Friedman, Lila and

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FLASH! Lovely Robbie Cohen (Norm and Rita) who has been residing in Chicago, was married several weeks ago in Chicago to Dr. Sam Libman! they will live in Chicago, where Dr. Sam (DDS) has his practice! Mazeltov to all! **FLASH!** Happy fifth anniversary to Jim and Gay Keys! Happy Birthday to charming Lena Schwimmer! She is a "young" 77 years old!

FLASH! A nostalgic feel-
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Gisela — *a visit to Arizona*

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Steve Steinkeler and children, David and Rachel returned from Tucson, AZ., where they visited Mrs. Steinkeler's parents, Lilli and Donald Stackhouse.

CELEBRATION: It was a no-host party. Alice and Leonard Berkowitz were married 35 years ago and their friends honored them with a warm gathering at the Broadmoor Country Club on January 19.

Bud Wolf served as Master of Ceremonies. **Rabbi Dennis Sasso** gave the very same blessing that was said on the couple's wedding day. 35

LOOKING BACKWARD

5 Years Ago

Dr. Leonard Schneiderman, Dean of the Indiana University School of Social Work, gave a talk on "Education, Work and Leisure," at Sabbath evening services at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

10 Years Ago

Governor Otis Bowen proclaimed Jan. 31-Feb. 2 "National Conference of Synagogue Youth Weekend" in Indianapolis, as more than 150 teenagers gathered at Congregation B'nai Torah from cities throughout the midwest. The theme of the weekend was "Living in the 20th Century through Religious Values."

15 Years Ago

The second annual Winter Carnival was held at the Jewish Community Center on the theme, "Outer Space." A magic show and cake sale were among the attractions of the afternoon of family fun. The carnival was sponsored by the Women's Service League with chairwomen Mrs. Morton Tavel and Mrs. Norman Newman.

20 Years Ago

Approximately 500 members of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck attended a long and heated meeting to discuss a proposal for a congregational Hebrew school. The proposal was later defeated by a mail ballot.

years ago. The Berkowitzes' daughter, Nancy Bate, recited a personal poem, written by her: a tribute to her parents. Their other daughter Ellen also attended. Dr. Charles Fisch spoke and Lee Redish presented the guests' collective gift, a decorative art piece for the chapel at Beth El — Alice's favorite institution.

Ann Levenson and Betty Paller were responsible for the decorations: at the center of each table, silver candelabras poised on soft pink table cloths, each hugging plumes of pink mums and baby's breath in midst of delicate greenery.

George Nicoloff played the tunes for the dancers. Among them were Nancy and Gene Bate, Marjorie and Earl Bradford, Carolyn and Sig Brenner, Lucille and Alvin Cohen, Nahoma Deckelbaum, Shirley and Herb Backer, Helen and Sam Levinsky, Jackie and Charlie Efroymson, Dot and Iz Krieger, June and Dr.

Charles Fisch, Pat and Irv Glazer, Caroline and Fritz Goldbach, Trudy Hollander, Elaine and Henry Heller, June Herman, Ann and Al Levenson, Joan and Leonard Larman — who came back especially from Palm Beach for this event — Pat and Irv Linderman, Betty Paller, Amy C. and Leonard Lurvey, Milli and Bernard Perry, Lee and Dr. Charles Redish, Rabbis Sandy and Dennis Sasso, Helaine and Bob Simon, Jodi and Dr. Morris Stoner, Joyce and Maxwell Steinberg, Marjorie Wolman and Bud Wolf.

BIRTHDAY: Dr. Eric Henricks was thirty years old. His wife, Ellen, and mother and father-in-law, Barbara and Marcus Feinberg invited about 40 of Dr. Henricks' colleagues and friends to celebrate his birthday on January 26, at the Broadmoor Country Club. Congratulations



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Youth leaders' views on suicide, drugs mixed

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Auxiliary president Eileen Prince, who is also a member of the faculty. In addition, she said, the auxiliary offers programs designed to teach achievement-oriented parents that pressure — including pressure to succeed academically — can be a cause of adolescent suicide and drug abuse.

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization has not yet had a program on teen suicide, but its regional director, Diane Roller, said that a program on the subject is being considered. There is a project called "B'nai B'rith Against Drunk

Driving," she said, and programs on substance abuse have been offered on the chapter level.

Dan Fogle, advisor to the AZA youth organization, described his group's semi-annual program involving teenagers and parents. Its purpose is to improve communication, which both Percher and Katzman listed as a key to reducing life-threatening problems among adolescents.

Like most of the other youth leaders, Fogle has seen substance abuse among his charges. "I'm not sure there's a solution," he reflected, "but at least we can try."



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ing! Remember when Sidney Stein was elected president of the "Pals Club" years ago! A fun loving group, who put on many shows and they were the big entertainers of our community! Would enjoy hearing from any of you youngsters who were part of the Pals Club as my readers would be happy to hear about the good old days! "Daffynitions!" A "Dermatologist" is one that makes "rash" statements! .OR. . . An "Orthopedist" is a doctor who gets all the breaks!

FLASH! On his return from the Super Bowl game, he stopped off at Las Vegas! Ivan Chalfie, a real "community" fellow in helping people here, slipped in a hotel and broke his left wrist! He bowls left-handed too! Hurry Ivan, your team needs you! Get well fast! When the calendar was first produced in 1690, everyone knew its days were numbered!

FLASH! Friend of the family: "Well, Charles, how do you like your new little sister?" Charles: "Oh, she's all right, I guess; but there are lots of things we needed worse!" Some one-liners: Bedbugs were brought to the West by Buffalo Bill Cootie! . .OR. . . He's the kind who gets caught in his own 'mouthtrap'!

FLASH! Birthday greetings to a real nice guy, Hyman Bearman, last week, Jan. 24! Circle Date! It's Sunday, Feb. 17, the B'nai B'rith Family "Pacer" night Pacers VS Phoenix at the Arena! More later! Hilarious thought! I wonder what would happen if the government recalled "all money" and everybody started "even"! (wake up,

Norm, must be the flu bug, you had last week, talking!)

FLASH! Believe it or not! I read in the paper that a certain country has a population of 750 million people! And they claim that "ping pong" is their greatest sport! (read it again!)

FLASH! A special orchid to the "silent unsung hero-in," Helen Lefkowitz, who has been with the Jewish Community Center for almost 19 yrs! She is secretary to Ira Jaffee, the director! Stay as nice as you are Helen, and since you won't talk, I did!

FLASH! The Old Timer's Basketball game last week was a great one, and it was thrilling to see the 65 to 74-year-olds playing basketball — and good too! Playing their hearts out were Ruby Reisberg, who made three, 3-pointers, Sam Smulyan (play maker??), Mike Silverman, Jack Alboher, Larry Siegle, Jack Cohen, Fred Dorman, Jack Kane, Stuart Engelberg, Elliott Gold, Bill Clayman, Myer Samuels and Don Rothbaum! Abe Goldsmith (one of the past greats) was a terrific spectator! Many other nice guys were there! Applause to Rod Hoft, the athletic director of the Center, for a good show! (It's a thrill for me to say that 9 of the 25 fellows playing were in my gym class 46 years ago (1938) and still going strong!)

FLASH! Dear readers — last Wednesday, Jan. 23, was my "inaugural" day — my first day in office (?) sworn in as president of NFL! Yes, in my speech I made promises — not 'political' promises, but honest ones! The future meetings will be enjoyed by all, no long-winded speakers,

but good entertainment! So to all men, 60 and over, come and see the new deal of fun, enjoyment and good food, and every other Wednesday, come and see old friends and meet new friends! I really had a "coronation"?? with a special delivery letter from President Reagan, brought in by a real postal officer, and in his letter, President Reagan noted that my salary won't be as large as his, but he is sure that I will be "good for nothing"! Our next meeting is Feb. 6, and hope to see you and you, and you too, there!

FLASH! Mr. Greenberg went to Denmark to have a famous surgeon do a sex-change! Six months later, he went to his own doctor and exclaimed that he felt 'wonderful'! Said Greenberg, "I function completely as a woman!" "In every way, I am a female," said Greenberg! His doctor questioned, "Don't you have any emotions or desires left over from being a man?" "Well," said Greenberg, "I have to admit that once in a while, in the mornings, I get the urge to put on tephillin!"

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Blain to speak at B'nai Torah

Michael Blain will be the speaker at the B'nai Torah Men's Club breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 10. Services begin at 9 a.m., with breakfast and the program follow-

ing at approximately 9:45.

Blain will discuss his visit to Auschwitz, Poland, Hungary, Russia and Austria.

The entire community is invited to attend.

Happy Days dance set in Hammond

HAMMOND — A Happy Days dance featuring a raffle and dance contest will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at Beth Israel Congregation. The cost is \$12.50 per person.

Reservations may be

Hammond aging series continued

HAMMOND — Congregation Beth Israel's discussion series, "The Sandwich Generation," dealing with the issue of aging parents, will continue on Monday, Feb. 4 and Monday, March 4. Both

mailed to 1919 Fisher, Munster, IN 46321. Persons wishing to donate money, gifts for door prizes, baking equipment or bar supplies are asked to call chairwoman Fran Gardberg.

programs will take place at 7:30 under the leadership of Robyn Golden.

For further information, call Eadie Appelsies, series chairwoman, at 972-3874.

Nathan Black, 73, dies in Florida

Nathan Black, who owned and operated Michigan Auto Parts at 940 W. 16th St., died last Friday in Florida at the age of 73. Rabbi Dennis Sasso and Cantor Robert Zalkin officiated at funeral services Monday morning at the Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary. Burial was at Beth-El Zedeck Cemetery North.

Before establishing Michigan Auto Parts, Black was one of Indiana's leading produce brokers. He was a member of Beth-El Zedeck Congregation, Broadmoor Country Club, the Antelope

Club and the Executive Health Club.

Surviving him are his wife, Frieda Alboher Black, and two daughters, Sydney Osterman of Toledo, Oh and Marcia Milkis of Beverly Hills, Ca. Also surviving are a brother, Abe Black of Indianapolis, and two sisters, Ruth Mathis of Indianapolis and Jean Nahmias of Boca Raton. There are four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Anniversary of rabbi's ordination observed

MICHIGAN CITY — Rabbi Karl Richter, Rabbi Emeritus of Sinai Temple, observed the 50th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday. A tribute from the synagogue recalled his service to the Jewish community of Germany before World War II and said that Rabbi Richter "has been a loving rabbi and concerned Jewish and communal leader in America and specifically in Michigan City for more than half his rabbinate."

Achduth Vesholom plans retreat

FORT WAYNE — The second annual Outreach Retreat for intermarried couples, Jews-by-choice and persons in the process of choosing Judaism will be held the weekend of Feb. 22-23 by Achduth Vesholom Congregation. The retreat will be held at the Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionsville, under the sponsorship of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Cost is \$20 per person.

Reservations and information are available from the synagogue office.

Eisenberg named director of Herut

NEW YORK — Seth Daniel Eisenberg, a former Indiana University student who directed the Israel Public Action committee at Hillel, has been named national executive director of Herut Zionists of America. Originally from Washington, D.C. Eisenberg was previously employed by the Jewish Community Federation of Louisville, where he served as editor of the bi-weekly newspaper *Community*. In 1979, he was the national conference president of the 300,000-member Junior Achievement organization, and was selected by the American Academy of Achievement as one of the 40 most outstanding teenagers

in America.


Announcing Eisenberg's appointment, Herut president Hart Hasten noted that Eisenberg comes to Herut at a time when the organization is undergoing a period of major growth in the United States. Herut recently concluded its 59th anniversary convention at which delegates from 16 states adopted a far-reaching program while hearing from speakers that included Israeli Minister Ariel Sharon, U.S. Senator Joseph Biden, Israel Ambassador Meir Rosenne, and Dr. Benjamin Begin, son of the former Israel's prime minister.

Chautauqua courses at Indiana colleges

NEW YORK — Courses sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society will be offered this spring at Indiana State University, Butler University and the Christian Theological Seminary. "Introduction to Jewish Heritage" will be taught at Indiana State by Rabbi Joseph

Klein, spiritual leader of the United Hebrew Congregation.

Rabbi Jonathan Stein of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation will teach courses on Jewish-Christian relations at Butler and at the Christian Theological Seminary, both in Indianapolis.



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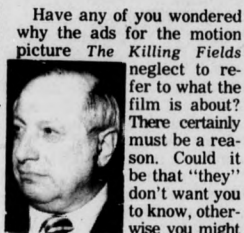
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Critic's Corner

By Charles Epstein

'Killing Fields' a mishmash



Have any of you wondered why the ads for the motion picture *The Killing Fields* neglect to refer to what the film is about? There certainly must be a reason. Could it be that "they" don't want you to know, otherwise you might not pay your money to see this movie? "They" keep you in the dark until after you have

paid your admission, and then it's too late. You soon discover why "they" won't let you know what it is about.

The Killing Fields is a mishmashed, poorly edited semi-documentary concerning the bloody Cambodian War. Now, isn't that enticing? You still want to go? This long drawn out film makes *The Deer Hunter* look like a Julie Andrews musical. Savage atrocities are graphically shown. Thousands of people are killed indiscriminately. Bloodied bodies are strewn

across the screen.

The film starts out in Cambodia in 1973. Sam Waterson plays the real New York Times war journalist Sydney Schanberg. His Cambodian guide is essentially the hero. His name is Dith Pran. I cannot pronounce the actor's name who played him nor even spell it. I had enough trouble trying to understand his English.

Later in the year 1975, after numerous war adventures, our heroes seek haven from the Cambodian armed anarchists in the French Embassy. The passport photo sequence was the most entertaining part of this film, probably because we finally could get involved in the extremely unusual proceedings on the screen. When Dith Pran is led off to be killed we heave a sigh of relief that this dull disaster is eventually concluded. But no, this deathly film is only half over.

What more can happen? The point is well made. War is needless suffering. But now the point must be pounded home with a sledge hammer, over and over again. It was like repeating the same depressing lecture again and again.

Anyway, back in New York Sydney wins an award for his journalistic prowess while, unknown to Sydney, Dith Pran is still alive. Like a true descendant of Job he successfully stays alive, until —

The screenplay was written by Bruce Robinson adapted from "The Death and Life of Dith Pran" by Sydney Schanberg in the New York Time magazine. Director Roland Joffe just couldn't get a handle on this film. He did and didn't politically blame the U.S. for the Cambodian situation. He almost made Sydney an ambitious bad guy but didn't.

SPEAKING OF SENIORS

By Lori Popp

Q. Dear Lori,

My 73-year old grandfather is going to be released from the hospital after suffering a stroke. He has use of his right side and is attending physical therapy to build up his left arm and leg. His doctor said he would be able to come home, but can he go back to his own home? I worry about my mom being able to care for him since she works during the days, therefore he would be alone at our house. When we try to ask my grandfather, he just wants to be in his house where he's comfortable and not a burden to anyone. Are there any things we could do for him, or any places in Indianapolis that can help? What should we do?

A.

First, you can meet with the hospital social worker or discharge planner to determine if your grandfather can realistically live alone. What needs does he have? Will he need special equipment (walker, cane, shower railings, bedside commode, etc.)? What special steps, if any, need to be taken to ensure his safety and avoid falls. Will he need physical therapy once he is at home, or any other type of home nursing care? For example, a home-health aide can provide general care, assist with bathing, as well as run errands if necessary. Your grandfather's determination to be independent is common, and he has very valid points.

He almost made Sydney and Dith Pran lovers. He almost made a documentary. He most certainly did not make an entertaining feature film. Honestly if I did not have to review *The Killing*

Indeed, he would, most likely, be much more comfortable in his own home where he is familiar, and can do as he pleases. On the other hand, if he needs additional support, he may cause further damage, i.e.; a fall, burning clothing or himself, etc. Hopefully these points will be answered or at least you will have a better picture of the situation after talking with the doctor and the social worker. If plans remain for your grandfather to return to his home, Indianapolis and specifically the Jewish community offer numerous programs to assist your family. In one call to Jewish Senior Services, several questions can be answered and many problems solved. Referrals to private home nursing agencies can be arranged for you as well as determining if insurance will cover the cost of care. If necessary, companion visits to do light housework, prepare meals and shop for groceries can also be arranged. At this point many preliminary steps need to be taken before any action is implemented, but you are wise to be prepared and aware of what services are available to you and your grandfather and your family.

Senior specialist Lori Popp will answer your questions about seniors. Send your letters to her at Jewish Senior Services, 1717 W. 86th St., Suite 450, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Fields I would have walked out. There was just too much of man's inhumanity to man. There also was just too much of movie producers' inhumanity to an audience.

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WELCOME — When 12 Ethiopian families had completed several months at an absorption center, the first stop for them after arrival in Israel, they were welcomed to their new permanent homes in Netanya at a reception sponsored by Na'amat — Pioneer Women. Here one Israeli little girl is making signs of welcome to her Falasha sister.

Russia to change policies?

VIENNA — The announcement here by Edgar Bronfman that he had been invited to visit Moscow by the Soviet Government ended doubts that a Jewish leader of his calibre might receive an official bid

Bronfman to discuss Jewish issues with Kremlin leaders.

THE SEAGRAM president still wasn't counting his chickens. "I know there is many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," he said, "and I'm not there yet until I'm there. Nevertheless I am hopeful."

Yet he allowed the announcement to be made on the second day of the meeting here of the governing board of the World Jewish Congress, of which he is president. A former president of the Congress, the late Nahum Gold-

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People know little about Jews

China TV may screen 'Holocaust'

SEATTLE — An entirely new understanding of China, which has sided with the Third World in its animosity towards Israel, was brought back by Edward A. Stern of the University of Washington from his visit under the auspices of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

One was that the Chinese TV would probably screen the TV series, *The Holocaust*.

The other was that the Chinese know little about the Jews and that their enmity of Israel is a knee-jerk reaction to their siding with the Third World and not a thought-out policy of the people who in effect have no real knowledge of what and who Jews and Israel are all about.

STERN SAID THAT HE AND his wife, Sylvia, decided to combine the official part of the trip with a search for a Jewish presence in China. "It turned out," he continued, "that we discovered almost complete ignorance in China of the Jewish people, their history, and the significance of Zion and the land of Israel. The Chinese scientists who are aware of the contributions of Jewish scientists consider the Jews to be a wise people, but know nothing more."

Continuing on this theme, he wrote in *The Jewish Transcript* here that "The Chinese opposition to Israel is purely tactical. They have no inherent anti-Semitism or anti-Zionism."

The overwhelming majority of Chinese have

no knowledge of Jews, he added. "Their knowledge of Israel is what they hear from their government, namely that the criminal country of Israel stole its land from the Palestinian Arabs and continues to persecute Arabs."

THE REQUEST FOR CHINA'S TV to broadcast the series, *The Holocaust*, came from Sidney Shapiro, the American-born Jew who threw in his lot early with the Chinese Revolution and has risen to a spot on that country's top political body, The Chinese Political Consultative Council (P-O, Jan. 9). In their conversation, which included the topic of the ignorance of the Chinese people about world Jewry, Shapiro suggested that he would like to have the NBC series shown on China TV. He said that he was sure that he could arrange for a Chinese-dubbed showing on Chinese television.

He reported his conversation with Shapiro to Rabbi Anson Laytner of Seattle Federation's Community Relations Council, who has been carrying the ball on the project.

"When *The Holocaust* is shown on Chinese TV," he concluded in his article in *The Transcript*, "The American Jewish Community will be able to take pride in its historic role in starting an educational process between the Chinese and Jewish people. The impact on world history can only be guessed."

So says Alan Dershowitz

More dangerous than anti-Zionism, more modern than anti-Semitism

By MAURIE H. ORONDENKER

BETHLEHEM, PA. (P-O) — A new form of anti-Jewishness, more dangerous than anti-Zionism and more modern than anti-Semitism, is the newest form of racism on the world scene, according to Alan Dershowitz, a professor at Harvard University Law School and nationally-recognized civil liberties attorney and author.

DERSHOWITZ cited for the 1,200 people attending the ceremonies some examples of anti-Jewishness, involving incidents from Moscow to Washington. He told of the University of Massachusetts student newspaper reprinting an article from "The Crusader," a neo-Nazi bulletin, condemning the Jews as white racists; and about a number of articles and books written by supposed intellectuals that claim the Holocaust never occurred. And one of the most dangerous examples, he added, is the "super-scrutiny" of all things Jewish and gloating



ALAN DERSHOWITZ
"...new assault"

over any deviation from the norm by the State of Israel.

It is important to place this newest assault on Judaism high on the international human rights agenda, said Dershowitz, who substituted for Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban, in keynoting the installation of Dr. Laurence J. Silberstein as the first professor to fill the Philip and Muriel Berman Chair of Judaica at Lehigh University here. This new form of racism is more widespread than apartheid and is practiced by all types of people in all parts of the world, he said.

EVIDENCE of this new anti-Jewishness attitude is everywhere, Dershowitz charged. Distribution of such

anti-Jewish propaganda is so widespread, he said, that materials can be found on many American college campuses.

The charge that Israel is among the worst human rights violators was unwittingly described to Dershowitz by Rev. Jesse Jackson. Dershowitz said Jackson told him he had met Jews who supported Israel but did not fight for social justice, and he had met Jews who had fought for social justice but did not support Israel. But Jackson said he had never met a Jew who supported both, Dershowitz said.

The Chair of Judaica at Lehigh is a permanent professorship endowed by the Bermans, well-known philanthropists and leaders on the national Jewish scene, from nearby Allentown, Pa.

Dr. Silberstein, an ordained rabbi from the Jewish Theological Seminary, is an authority in Jewish thought who has taught at the University of Pennsylvania and Princeton. He will also serve as director of the newly-created Lehigh Center for Jewish Studies, a cooperative venture involving the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges. The Bermans also provided the seed money for establishing the center.

Rabbi urges Rev. Jackson to intervene for Falashas

WOODBIDGE, CT. — The Rev. Jesse Jackson was urged to intervene to save the Falasha in Ethiopia and Sudan in an appeal by Rabbi Michael Menitoff here.

The spiritual leader of B'nai Jacob Congregation wrote to the former candidate for the Democratic nomination, "I urge you to consider yet another mission, one of intercession with the government of Sudan and Ethiopia."

RABBI MENITOFF, who is associate fellow of Ezra Stiles College at Yale, wrote his letter on the eve of the

birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and noted that "Dr. King had a particularly close relationship with the Jewish community. 'My own teacher and mentor,' he told Jackson, 'Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, of blessed memory, was one of his close confidantes. . . Dr. King joined with Dr. Heschel in unstinting support for the State of Israel. He felt a keen affinity between Blacks and Jews, both of whom had struggled against oppression.'"

Continuing he said that "You are the heir to the

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Steve Richmond making it?

By HARVEY ROSEN

The last time I spoke with defenseman Steve Richmond was in the visiting New York Rangers' dressing room following his team's come-from-behind 6-5 victory in overtime over the Winnipeg Jets. That was back on March 9 of '84.

On the 9th of January, we met again in the blueshirts' dressing quarters. As a matter of fact, Steve was sitting in the identical cubicle as before.

IRONICALLY, the Jets had turned the tables on the visitors this night. Final score? Winnipeg 6, New York 5, also a come-from-behind overtime victory.

It's an ill wind that doesn't blow somebody some good, and that's why the Jewish rearguard was occupying space in the Rangers' dressing room rather than the NHL team's affiliate in New Haven of the American Hockey League.

You can't keep a good man down on the farm... especially when your ranks have been decimated by an unprecedented number of injuries that have virtually ruined New York's season and finds the once-proud club in the unlikely position of dueling for the final playoff spot in the Patrick Division with such unlikely opponents as the Pittsburgh Penguins and the New Jersey Devils.

RICHMOND HAD, under similar circumstances, been recalled last season from Tulsa Oilers of the now defunct Central Hockey League.

The record shows that Steve made an auspicious debut by scoring a goal against St. Louis' "Bunny" Larocque, unassisted, in a 6-2 triumph.

The Jan. 17 call-up in '84 was supposedly a temporary circumstance. Richmond so impressed the top brass that he stayed on for the remainder of the campaign. If you place much credence in plus-minus stats, the University of Michigan grad from Chicago who played

Junior B hockey in Pickering, Ontario had a +6.

WHILE THE Rangers permitted the Jets to score a half-dozen goals, Richmond, who took a regular shift, was sitting on the Rangers' bench all six times.

The father of twins, daughter Jennifer and son Daniel, was reclining against the wall of his cubicle and guzzling a post-game beer when I reintroduced myself.

Amicable as ever, Steve confirmed that he was more than pleased to be back in the big top. "It feels great to be back," he cited. "It was a long three months down there, but I learned a lot in New Haven. I got a lot of ice time which gave me more confidence. It worked out okay."

REALISTICALLY, the man nicknamed "General" realizes that he'll be enjoying the "Big Apple" only so long as he enjoys the quality of performance that he demonstrated in Winnipeg.

"It all depends on how I play," he stated the obvious. "If I play well, I'm sure I'll stay; if I don't I'll be sent back to the minors. It's all up to me."

Steve, whose parents are Jewish, married a non-Jew. "She's just a super woman," he had related to me before. "Her not being Jewish never came into play at all. She has her religion and I have my religion. I respect her for it, and she respects me for mine. I'll go to her place on her holidays and she'll come to mine on our holidays."

Steve gets some press from different Jewish publications in the N.Y. area since he's the first Jew in a Rangers' uniform since Hyman Buller, a Montreal native, left the club following a three-year stint at M.S.G. three decades ago.

RICHMOND, I'm certain, would prefer being "held over" for his performance, a mite longer, on Broadway, since the lights in New Haven don't shine nearly as bright and the duration of bus rides is from the rink to the airport.

(Harvey Rosen can be reached at 1053 Sinclair St., Winnipeg, Manitoba R2V 2Y4 Canada.)

Myths exploded

Sex said important for elderly

DETROIT — The traditional solution of denying that the elderly have sexual needs is inhumane, Kay Hoffman, director of the social work program at Marygrove College, told 50 professionals attending a seminar recently at the Jewish Home for the Aged here.

SHE TOLD the story of two residents of a Wayne County, Mich. nursing home, both in their late 70s, who held hands, took daily walks together and sometimes disappeared for an hour or two in the afternoon. When her 45-year-old daughter realized what was happening, she scolded her mother as if she were a promiscuous teenager and made her feel so guilty that the older woman reluctantly ended the relationship.

Ms. Hoffman used the story to illustrate how society denies the elderly their right to be sexual, a right, she said, that can add warmth and quiet pleasure to their final years.

CONTINUING, she said, "in most nursing homes, sexual experiences among residents are not tolerated. When was the last time you

saw a double bed in a nursing home? In most places, there is no place for privacy, and couples are sometimes actually separated. Even holding hands is often unacceptable, because the staff is afraid the situation will 'get out of hand.'"

Families are just as intolerant, she said: "Families often view an older person as an object, something that drains them financially and is a problem, and they think they have a right to make life choices for him or her. Younger people must realize the elderly are still human beings who will get frustrated, depressed or physically sick if denied avenues of sexual expression."

MS. HOFFMAN added that "Sex is a basic human right, but older men and women often lost that right when society lumps them together in this neuter category called the elderly."

"Myths about older people not being interested in sex play havoc on the elderly, she said. "They exacerbate feelings of loneliness and low self-esteem, and further the misconception that aging is

a terminal disease in itself rather than a life stage with challenges and rewards of its own."

When the elderly themselves accept these notions, as they often do, she says, the myths become self-fulfilling prophecies."

She had this advice:

Encourage the older person to discuss sexual feelings in a safe, open environment. Humor helps reduce tension, but never treat sexual behavior among the aged as a joke. Be forthright about acknowledging sexuality as a lifelong need.

Help elderly persons stay busy and attractive. Encourage them to be open in romantic possibilities; a little flirting, even if it doesn't lead to anything, can do wonders for self-esteem. Take time to listen to their old love stories; sharing such memories helps keep the feelings alive.

Suggest touching activities such as dancing, massage or exercise classes for seniors; all of these promote an acceptance of one's body and one's masculinity or femininity.

Wins a moral victory

Sharon knight in shining armor

NEW YORK — Ariel Sharon was the knight in shining armor and Time Magazine's face was covered with mud as the Israeli general did not recover any damages in his \$50 million law suit against the news weekly, but was relieved of any blame for the massacre in the two Beirut camps.

Anthony Lewis, the New York Times op ed page columnist, put it this way:

"The most puzzling aspect of Time's behavior in this case is why it did not settle long ago. My guess is that General Sharon would have been satisfied if Time had forthrightly made two concessions, both of them easy to make: We were wrong about Appendix B. We did not mean to say, and it is not true, that General Sharon encouraged the massacre or intended it to happen."

"Ariel Sharon is not a hero of mine, to put it mildly. His campaign in Lebanon proved to be the most disastrous political-military mistake in Israel's history. In my opinion his political ambitions present a grave threat to the future of Israel as a stable and democratic state. But he is entitled as anyone to defend his reputation against charges beyond the law, and to sue for libel as long as that is the available recourse."

"The ironic result of

Time's behavior has been to help General Sharon politically. He shrewdly used the trial, reported in detail by the Israeli press, to denounce not only the Time paragraph but the commission's findings against him."

MEANWHILE another op ed page columnist, William Safire, saw Sharon bringing Israel economy into a market place operation. He quoted Sharon as stating that "People

will endure hardship if they see real hope ahead of them, if the leaders say exactly what they must do." Sharon is Minister of Industry.

Whether Sharon's critics in the Knesset and elsewhere will be silenced remains to be seen. He was accused of spending too much time in on, costing the government which paid his expenses, heavy expenses.

Maurice Peritzweig; WJC Congress official

NEW YORK — Death at the age of 89 came to Rabbi Maurice Peritzweig, who served the World Jewish Congress, of which he was a founding member, as director of international af-



Peritzweig

fairs during World War II. He represented the Congress at the Economic and Social Council of the UN.

He headed the WJC Congress delegation to the founding conference of the UN in San Francisco in 1945. He served the Liberal Synagogue in London, after ordination, and was elected chairman of the British Section of the Congress.

Corey Pavin third in L. Angeles open

LOS ANGELES — Corey Pavin and Morris Hitalski, the two Jewish players on the PGA tour, traded places at the Los Angeles Open and while Hitalski finished far down, Pavin finished third to take home \$27,200. Hitalski finished far down in the list, earning only \$2,780.

Hitalski finished second and earned \$39,600 by finishing

second in last week's Phoenix Open.

Another Jewish star, Amy Alcott also fared poorly. She was nine strokes off the pace in the Mazda Classic, played at Deerfield Beach, Fl. on one of the few major golf courses owned by a Jewish family — the Hastens of Indianapolis — finishing at 289 and earning \$1730.

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The first woman in the world to captain a 747 Jumbo jet, Capt. Beverly Burns, has been awarded the Amelia Earhart Award, commemorating Earhart's flight across the U.S. from Mexico City to Newark. Gov. Thomas Kean of New Jersey presented the award to the Jewish pilot. According to The Baltimore Jewish Times, she has received a number of national awards and even President Reagan took note of her rise to the top in her profession in a letter stating "... your crowning achievement won by hard work and perseverance, is consistent with the American way."

How to publicize a Refusenik

How to help publicize the plight of Russian Jewry, was the great idea of Dr. Joel Levin, of Miami, who went three rounds with a former world champ at the Miami Beach Convention Center to draw attention to Yakov Mesh, former boxer in the Soviet Army, who has been imprisoned for seeking a visa to emigrate. This was no setup, he soon learned, as a wild unintentional blow from Hector 'Macho' Comacho, floored him. Levin lasted the three rounds. As expected the bout drew attention to the plight of Mesh, and Mesh's parents embraced the courageous plastic surgeon from Kendall. For the rest of the fight Comacho threw marshmallows at his opponent, and once went down on one knee while the referee counted. Florida Governor Bob Graham, the state's congressional delegation and both Senators have signed appeals for Mesh, and Dr. Levin is starting a national petition among the nation's famous athletes in Mesh's behalf.

Look who's a baseball fan!

Itzhak Perlman may be one of the world's best violinists but who do you think he admires most? He's a great baseball fan, as also is Samuel Sanders, the pianist, and when the pair played at the University of Kansas, instead of a bouquet of roses from admirers, who should walk on the stage after the concert but Dan Quisenberry, the star relief pitcher for the Kansas City Royals, who gave them inscribed baseballs. "I'm a fanatic, said Sanders, describing the incident. "Baseball is really what I think about all the time. And Itzhak lives on Riverside Dr. in the same house where Babe Ruth lived. He thinks maybe in the same apartment. It drives him wild to think he might be taking a shower where Babe Ruth did."

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Taking on the Chief Rabbi

Rabbi Julia Neuberger was hardly phased by the title and role of the Chief Rabbi of England Immanuel Jakobovits when she took exception to his stand that parents should be notified in the case of a teenage abortion. The assistant of the South London Liberal Synagogue wrote to The Times of London that the Chief Rabbi was not the only person qualified to speak for Judaism on the issue. She said that to describe, as he had done, the rise in the abortion rate and the number of unwanted pregnancies as "unfortunate" was callous in the extreme and clearly against the strong life-affirming ethic of Judaism. The congregation's senior rabbi, John Rayner, told The Jewish Chronicle that "as we live in a free world, Rabbi Neuberger had expressed her own opinion as she was entitled to do.

Mankowitz paid a price

Wolf Mankowitz, English-born writer, playwright and filmmaker and producer of the Oscar-nominated Yiddish film, "Almonds and Raisins," says that making the film was "truly a labor of love, part of my commitment as a Jew to our culture." He added that the contribution of Yiddish to American culture is often ignored, or just not known, and he made the picture "to make Jews more aware of the material that so affected our culture here." In an interview in The Jewish Exponent, Mankowitz said he had paid a price for concentrating on his Jewishness. He said that "in England, there is a certain irritant in a Jew's persistence in being Jewish," and that it goes against the grain of a Christian country "where



MISS CHIQUITA — What's a nice Jewish girl from Minneapolis doing dressed up like Chiquita Banana, with plastic fruit headdress and bananas wedged into her hairdo and belt? Jessica Gibson, who won a 10-city talent search for the new Miss Chiquita, has made the rounds of newsrooms across the country, telling the goodness of bananas. Active in Twin Cities theater and office manager for Norm's Realty in Minneapolis, Jessica says she "unpeels the facts" about bananas. In her background is the presidency of her Temple youth group, serving on the board of the Northern Federation of Temple Youth and most recently cantorial soloist for the Mt. Zion Congregation in St. Paul. She has performed in a Broadway-style review called "Edgewater '84," and has appeared in a variety of community productions including "West Side Story," "Pippin," and "Chicago."

the conversion of the Jew is a Christian fantasy."

Mankowitz, who now lives in Ireland, said he had seen Yiddish films as a boy in London. "The material was part of my culture." Co-producer of "The World of Shalom Aleichem," "The Threepenny Opera," and "Rhinceros," he has been honored by the Edinburgh Film Festival, Venice Film Festival, and Society of Authors, and in 1980, his play, "The Irish Hebrew Lesson" won the Village Theatre Award.

When women rabbis accepted

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein said she is going to write a book entitled "The 1001 Stupid Things People Have Said To Me When They Find Out What I Do For A Living." When the only female rabbi in Canada was introduced at a B'nai B'rith breakfast jokingly as the "Man of the Year," she quickly dispelled the notion that she finds such humor amusing. "We've been laughing at women for a long time," she said, "and it's time we started taking them seriously." The assistant Rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto said "My title is not 'Woman Rabbi' Elyse Goldstein. It's Rabbi Elyse Goldstein. Continuing,

Goldstein she said, according to the Canadian Jewish News, "I look forward to the day when I, as a woman, will be able to speak not as a woman on women's issues, but as a rabbi on Jewish issues. That is the day that women will really be accepted as rabbis."

legacy of Martin Luther King. Your recent presidential candidacy has infused into the Black community a sense of pride and accomplishment unknown since the days of Dr. King." He then listed the acts of Rev. Jackson which offended Jews, from embracing Arafat to stating that Jews are preoccupied with the Holocaust and finally not disassociating himself from Louis Farrakhan.

"YOUR magnificent address at the Democratic National Convention went a long way to dispel concern. But the jury is still out as far as many within the Jewish community is concerned," the rabbi wrote.

At that point in the two-page letter, Rabbi Menioff brought up the Falasha situation.

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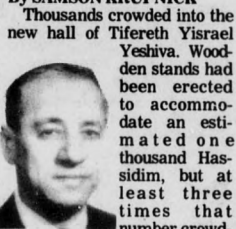
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New Ruzhin Rebbe and the Hassidic revival

By SAMSON KRUPNICK



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of space within the hall as many more waited outside

Thousands crowded into the new hall of Tifereth Yisrael Yeshiva. Wooden stands had been erected to accommodate an estimated one thousand Hassidim, but at least three times that number crowded every inch of space within the hall as many more waited outside

the building on Shivei Israel Street in Jerusalem. The stands creaked precariously under the added weight as Hassidim swayed back and forth to the tunes of Hassidic "nigunim."

YET THERE WAS a reverential silence and eager anticipation that gripped the entire audience as each person strained to hear the brief message of the new Rebbe of the House of Ruzhin. The auspicious occasion was the "crowning" of the new

Rebbe on the "throne" of Ruzhin, vacant since the passing of the Rebbe of Boyan, Rabbi Mordecai Shlomo Friedman, of blessed memory, 14 years ago.

Rebbe-elect, Nahum Dov Brayer, age 25, born and educated in the United States, came to Israel together with his wife seven years earlier and had devoted himself exclusively to Torah and Hassidic studies. Reluctantly he responded to the urging of thousands of Ruzhin Hassidim in their various branches to head the prestigious House of Ruzhin, tracing its descent to the revered Rabbi Dov Ber, the Maggid of Mezrich, who traced his ancestry back to King David — royalty.

The immediate family of Rebbe Brayer is engaged in diverse occupations unrelated to Hassidic lore, his father Menachem being Professor of Biblical Literature and Education at Yeshiva University and is a clinical psychologist. His older brother, Yigal, is a space engineer with the U.S. space program and his sister is a pediatric clinical psychologist.

REBBE Nahum Dov, grandson of the Rebbe of Boyan, is donning the mantle of Ruzhin knowing full well his responsibilities to the many thousands of Hassidim throughout the world who will henceforth look to Israel as the center of Ruzhin Hassidim.

We find particular significance in this colorful event, because of our close relationship with the late sainted Rebbe of Boyan in New York, whom we hosted on his annual visits to Chicago and with whom we had many enjoyable discussions on a wide variety of topics, his interests being all-encompassing and his charm and human warmth to everyone a natural characteristic.

Our contact with the late Rebbe Mordecai Sholom Joseph Friedman of Sadigura-Przemysl in Israel and his able successor was of a similar close family nature, as was the case with the late Rebbe of Ustyatin in Tel-Aviv — all of the House of Ruzhin.

REBBE Israel Friedman of Ruzhin (1797-1850), founder of the House of Ruzhin, conducted his "court" first in Ruzhin, then in Sadigura in royal style, even with a chariot and four horses as befitted a descendant of King David. His influence spread not only among the thousands of Jewish followers, but also among prominent non-Jewish political figures. His six sons and three in-laws established dynasties in Austria, the

Ukraine, Poland and Rumania, each attracting many thousands of devoted followers in Sadigura, Boyan, Chervotsky, Ustyatin, Stefanesti, Leovo, Potek, Bulhusi, Chortkov, Vyzhnitz, Brad, Kalisz, Vienna and ultimately Israel.

Hassidim relied upon their individual Rebbe not only for spiritual inspiration, but also for guidance in their daily affairs and difficult personal problems through generations of Rebbes. The Holocaust destroyed thousands of Jewish communities, decimating entire Hassidic households, as Rebbes and their Hassidim perished together. Survivors have carried on in the U.S. and in Israel.

HISTORIANS a generation ago had already written off Hassidim as a movement of the past doomed to extinction, when to everyone's surprise and amazement, it took on a new lease

on life. Today there are at least five dynasties of Hassidim with over 250,000 followers in each. In Israel in recent years at least three dynasties have chosen young Rebbes in their 30's — the Rebbes of Belz, Krechenov and Ruzhin.

Many young Jews in the U.S. and in Israel have been drawn to the universal teachings of Hassidim, "ahavat Hashem", love of the Almighty, a personal attachment and involving the acknowledgement of sparks of holiness in all of G-d's creations and "ahavat Yisrael" the love of fellow Jews, expressed in mutual comradeship and in a striving for a loftier spiritual attainment — all this and more in music, song and warm Torah teaching, a balm to the hearts of all Jews.

(Samson Krupnick may be reached at 22 Pinsker, Jerusalem, 92228, Israel.)

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Could you please do me a special favor and send me a copy of a news item in your paper about Jewish women of Minneapolis who were selling Highway emergency banners? — Mrs. Irving Epstein, 261 Church St., Kingston, Pa. 18704.

The organization was the Minneapolis Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women. If you write to the Federation there, they will forward your request to them. The Federation is at 811 La Salle Ave., Minneapolis, 55402.

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With The Rabbis

Honors

The 18th year in the pulpit of Temple Sinai of North Dade, North Miami Beach, and the 25th year of his ordainment of Rabbi Ralph P. Kingsley were celebrated by his congregation with a series of events. . . Rabbi Emanuel Eisenberg's 20 years in the pulpit of Temple Beth Shalom of Lake Worth, Fl., was marked with a luncheon-dance at the Royce Hotel in West Palm Beach.

Twenty-five years of service to the temple and to the community by Rabbi Jacob Ott will be marked with a gala dinner dance at the Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel, Los Angeles.

Sermon of the week

The Becoming God — Rabbi Martin I. Silverman, Congregation Beth Emeth, Albany, N.Y.

Quotation of the week

The late Rabbi Morris Adler commented some time ago, on the popularity of the coffee break in contemporary America. He suggested a number of other breaks, as follows:

"Reading break. . . when we step out of the immediate environment into the open and large universe of human culture and history.

"Prayer break. . . when, withdrawing from a world of competitiveness, ambition and things, we enter for a while an atmosphere in which our more tender and delicate capacities are expressed.

"Family break. . . when we sit with our families, experiencing the joy of simply being together.

"Reflection break. . . to give intelligent direction and meaning to the many things we do.

"Appreciation breaks. . . in which sensitivity for works of beauty are refined and deepened.

"Discussion break. . . conversing with friends on ideas. . . without reference to the most recent headline, the latest political development or a forecast of probably economic changes.

"Walking break. . . where, free from our enslaving dependence on the ever-present automobile, we recapture the pleasant feeling of exercising our limbs.

"Letter break. . . when we write a letter which reflects a degree of creative effort and thought."

He concluded: "People are always waiting for what they describe as a 'good break.' I trust that I have suggested a few breaks that will be good for us." — Rabbi Sheldon E. Elster, Agudas Achim Congregation, Alexandria, Va.

The Forward's policy is delineated

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

A verbal duel broke out in the Forward between Simon Weber, the editor, and one of his colleagues, Prof. Israel Kluger, former head of the Forward's Circle and a member of the Forward Association which runs the week-

ly. Weber had written as pointed out here recently, that he looks askance at the so-called Black-Jewish coalition in New York because he suspects that it's a mask for anti-Koch cabal. Weber opined that Koch is the best mayor New York's had since La Guardia.

Dr. Kugler takes sharp issue with the praise accorded Koch. To Kugler, Koch is, like Reagan, an actor and he hasn't done nearly enough for New York City, witness, he writes, the filthy streets, the danger on the subway, the mayor's resistance to the city unions, etc. Kugler also doesn't go along with Weber's pooh-pooh of Jewish participation in the demonstrations against the South African consulates. To Kugler, the Jew-

ishness of the Forward is secular and pro-democracy; hence it is imperative for Forward Jews to oppose bigotry and dictatorship of any kind.

Weber demurs at the feeling that the paper's Jewishness must be solely secular. The paper, he says, must feel kinship with the piety of European grandparents who upheld Judaism, with the teachings of the Biblical prophets and the democratic utterances of a Scriptural hero like Samuel. Weber feels that Jews should not only team up with blacks, but also with Hispanics and other ethnics. As for the demonstrations against apartheid, he'd like to see blacks picket the diplomatic offices of Negro dictatorship, like the one which governs Ethiopia.

2 survivor groups

Among assemblages marking the 40th anniversary of the fall of the house of Hitler will be a "gathering" of Holocaust survivors in Philadelphia April 21-22. In the Forward, S.L. Shneiderman, whose beat is the Holocaust,

hopes that the event will mark the amalgamation of two survivor groups that hitherto have stayed apart. The one which is actually called "Gathering," is headed by Benjamin Mead of New York, and the American Federation of Jewish fighters, concentration camp inmates and victims of Nazism, headed by Eli Zbrovsky and others.

Orthodox Jews are delighted we read in the Algemeiner Journal that the New York commemoration this year will be moved from the Reform Temple Emanu-El, where it's been staged for years, to the Madison Square Garden. Those desiring data about the Philadelphia gathering can get it at the Holocaust Center, 122 W. 30th St., New York City, 10001.

Cuomo's rabbi

Not every rabbi has a State Governor at his birthday party. But Mario Cuomo is very fond of Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, who is a member of the governor's staff. So Cuomo was one of the speakers when the New York Board of Rabbis, which Mowshowitz once headed and for which he raised much money, saluted Mowshowitz on his 70th birthday. (Algemeiner Journal)

N.Y. Holocaust center

Often discussed, but never realized was a Holocaust Center in New York City, which contains the world's largest Jewish community. Other cities have memorials, but New York City didn't until Mayor Edward Koch appointed a commission some three years ago and told it to get going.

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Babirusa on rye

By MARTIN MOSKOVITZ

Not too long ago, a group of animal-husbandry researchers discovered a pig-like creature in the wilds of Indonesia. That in itself is not earth-shattering. However, the animal was found to chew its cud and have cloven hoofs. They discovered a kosher pig.

The critter is called a babirusa and unlike its cousin, the pig, it eats only leaves and berries which it carefully culls from the forest floor. It is not a scavenger like the pig.

Some of the animal-husbandry professors have already predicted that this animal has a promising academic future. This is based on the assumption that it will become sanctioned fare for both Moslems and Jews.

Babirusa on rye, anyone?

the Customs Building in downtown New York to the commission and now the undertaking is on its way. The government also provided \$1 million towards the rehabilitation of the elegant structure, now empty.

In the Forward, I. Shmulevitch brings us up to date, after his chat with the commission's executive director, Rabbi David Blumenfeld, who said fund-raising has begun for another \$2 million. The Center will be a cross

between Yad Va-shem, the Israeli cenotaph, and the Museum of the Diaspora in Tel Aviv. Also blueprinted: a chapel, a library, meeting rooms for seminars, archives on the Holocaust, a watch on neo-Nazism, and a publication devoted to both the memory of the Holocaust and the record of American Jewish immigration.

(Rabbi Samuel Silver can be reached at 16553 Boca Delray Dr., Delray Beach, FL 33445.)

Postmark Israel

May Day and the red flag

The Socialist far left in Israel has come on hard days, as the main line Labor Party has moved closer to center and the Marxist-oriented Mapam wing has seceded from the Labor Alignment. Die-hard Socialists have been calling for a reaffirmation of their leftist ideology and renewal of the battle between the classes.

ON THE OTHER HAND, some realists on the left have warned that the Israel public is fed up with anything and everything that in any way smacks of Communist origins, and the left is simply digging its own political grave by going to extremes. One of the, Yigal Ben-Nun, has called for an honest internal appraisal of the three most sacred symbols of Israel's Socialism: the red flag, May Day, and finally the hymn, The International.

Ben-Nun is truly a realist. The red flag, which labor flies on national as well as on labor holidays, antagonizes the great majority of the population, who looks upon it, even without the hammer and sickle, as an anachronistic remnant of Mapam's espousal of Russian Communism and adherence to the long discredited Stalin line. The flag has become a source of embarrassment even to ardent Socialists. At a recent conference called to unify all splinter leftist parties, there was a battle royal as to how many red flags should be displayed on the platform, along with the Blue and White.

THE CALL FOR NATIONAL observance of May Day, as Israel's Labor holiday, is likewise seen as an obsolescent survivor of the relationship with the Soviet Union, and while most workers gladly accept the extra day of Vacation, they have no respect for what the ideology of May Day is supposed to represent. The once traditional May Day parades have lost all sparkle, even though artificially buttressed by marchers bussed in from the kibbutzim.

As for the anthem, labor has its own Hebrew hymn, Tehezakna, and the singing of The International at official leftist gatherings has become something of a joke, with only the party bosses at the head table singing lustily.

From within the left wing a call has been issued to study seriously whether these three symbols should indeed be retained, or should be replaced by something more relevant and meaningful to free and independent Jewish labor in its own homeland.

AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN expected, the old-timers have served notice they will battle any change to the last ditch. — A.C.

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the social calendar

By Jean Herschaft

Unreported in this column in '84, by design, was the most innovative, creative and fabulous dinner of the year! — UJA Federation's Birthday Tribute to Jack D. Weiler on Oct. 25, at the Sheraton Centre in New York City. We saved it for the Dinner of Year Award Column.

It was the last of some 16 birthday parties that various Jewish organizations tendered in the honor of this feisty, activist-philanthropist on his 80th birthday!

Invitations were received on U.S. Passport-type booklets — inviting you to the 1985 Campaign Inaugural Celebration in honor of Jack D. Weiler.

As Jack had arrived as a youngster of age six with his immigrant family on New York shores, a miniature reproduction copy of the New York Times dated "Friday, Dec. 30, 1910" had a headline in red, superimposed on the front page, proclaiming "Extra! Weiler Family Arrives in New York!!" in bold one-inch type. It contained the colorful program of the night. On the inside was a customs inspector stamp in red pronouncing "1985 JW Inaugural".

But prior to receiving the program, upon reaching the ballroom floor of the Sheraton, elegantly clad guests were greeted with pushcarts bearing real fruit and vegetables and authentic-like peddlers garbed in second hand suits of the 1900's. A few feet away a reproduction of a second hand clothing store had saleswomen and men taking real clothing of the past off the racks and hawking their sales to the tuxedoed and sequined-attired guests. Even a few youngsters attired in long skirts and knickers jumped rope nearby. The recreation of the year Jack Weiler arrived on U. S. Shores was complete when the guests in displaying their invitations in the form of steamship tickets had them stamped by a "custom's clerk" also garbed a la 1910! It was so real and effective in setting the mood. (The 1900's working crew were UJA staff and their youngsters — good actors!)

In place of the usual large pre-dinner reception with the buffet preliminary were several smaller more intimate receptions. All concluded with announcements of the gifts each guest (couple) was to make as there was to be no card calling at the gala dinner itself. We found ourselves in Room "A" in the company of Congressman William Green and his wife, former Congressman Bertram Podell and his wife, Bunny, both of whom have been UJA activists for over 30 years when all of us, then singles, were members of the same Stephen Wise Young Zionists group at the East Midwood Jewish Center in Brooklyn. Herbert Tenzer, another former Congressman and Yeshiva U. board chairman who shared with Jack an 80th birthday but whose vim and vigor for philanthropic causes gives them both a youthful glow that defies the years with grace and aplomb!

The main ballroom was a bloom with floral artistry and green shrubbery. A huge screen dominated the dais that is usually reserved with tiers of prominent leaders. All of the guests this night were of nationally-known and respected stature, seated alike at tables. The screen's presence provided a "This Is Your Life Jack Weiler" story in warm sentimental Hollywood flair as blown up photos were flashed on that gigantic screen. First a steerage ship full of immigrants and bona fide photos of the Weiler family, including a cherubic youngster with a wide white brim collar. "Jack!" It followed this poor family's arrival with Jack as protagonist. It was truly moving and evocative. The later years when Jack had struck it rich and had become involved in work with the Joint Distribution Committee first, then UJA; Bonds, Yeshiva U., and so many, many others, sharing his wealth garnered in wise real estate investments in supporting with activity as well as funding, all noted in economical style on film/photos shooting across that long, long screen on the dais.

At its conclusion, at which time, all rose for a five-minute ovation by the guests, the giants in the world of philanthropy took to the mikes on dais to talk about this lovable, impish, financial wizard whose ten fingers were always in more than a dozen organization pies working as baker as well as providing dough to enrich the Jewish and Israeli communities — first in Europe, then Israel and of course in the U.S. as well.

Some of the giants paying tribute from the stage were: Ivan F. Boesky, UJA 1985 General Campaign Chairman, (for whom The Jewish Theological Seminary named its new multi-million dollar library) banker Baron Guy De Rothschild from France now a New Yorker; Robert Arnow, Weiler partner and son-in-law William Rosenwald, philanthropist; and many others.

And of course that lovable, gregarious comic who ranks the number one card-caller for philanthropy (with Peoria, IL's Sam Rothberg) being the last of the giants to speak.

Perhaps his most moving passages were sharing his family ales. Most proud of son-in-law Bob Arnow, Jack revealed

Jews By Choice

'Choosing Judaism' by Lydia Kukoff

By MARY HOFMANN

I met Lydia Kukoff three years ago when I attended the first UAHC conference in San Francisco on Jews by Choice. Lydia was the keynote speaker I had never heard of her, so any preconception I had of her was due to her name. Lydia Kukoff just did not sound like the stunning, sophisticated, vibrant woman who strode in and took over the proceedings with charisma and charm.

Her book, *Choosing Judaism*, Hofmann had just been published. I had long before this time converted and was feeling somewhat the authority, so I didn't rush right out and buy the book no matter how impressive the author was. Later on I did skim over a library copy, but I have now finally sat down and really read the paperback edition.

Choosing Judaism is not a deep book, nor is it meant to be. It is a how-to book for the potential convert to Judaism, for the Jewish family faced with welcoming a convert, and for temples and synagogues who are coming to terms with the burgeoning interest Judaism holds for many non-Jews.

Lydia Kukoff is light, humorous, and knows how to keep things moving — both in terms of speed and poignancy. Each chapter is punctuated by excerpts from letters or tapes by converts to Judaism which appropriately address the issue at hand. Some are funny, some are painful, all add a dimension of humanness to a very human subject.

There's nary a conversion problem left untouched. Chapters address how we can learn to "feel" Jewish, how to cope with our non-Jewish families (to say nothing of the problems some of us run into with new Jewish families).

What Foods These Morsels Be

Why not make colossal cookies?

By RHODA HERZOG

Cookie-bakers of the world, unite! Dare to be different!

Refuse to be shackled to the stereotypical standards of prosaic pastry-lovers whose miniature morsels are meant for the mundane muncher of small-sized snacks! Its time for us noshers to tempt our taste buds with a truly titanic taste. In short, let's think in terms of the Colossal Cookie!

MONSTER MUNCHIES are easy to bake, and fun, as well. For the birthday party of a little person, there is no finer birthday cake than a Giant Chocolate Chip Cookie, complete with a single candle to light on this festive fete. For those readers who like to advertise "have cake, will travel" combine all the dry cookie ingredients in an airtight container to bring in the car or on the plane. When you arrive at your destination, simply add the egg and liquid ingredients, shape the cookie into a circle and bake.

There's no mystery to making these monsters. Just place about 1½ cups of your favorite stiff cookie dough on the dull side of a large piece of foil. Place this on a cookie sheet for easier handling. With a fork make holes in the foil for quicker cooling. With a wet spatula (or your wet hand) shape the dough into an evenly rounded 5"-6" circle. Allow room for dough to spread. Bake at 375 F. for 20 minutes. Cool, remove the foil, add your candles and get ready to sing Happy Birthday!

OATMEAL COOKIES, Sugar Cookies and Peanut Butter Cookies also make noteworthy noshes. If you hanker for a hefty helping, just use an ice-cream scoop for uniform-sized portions of dough, placing them on a greased cookie sheet. With a wet spatula (or wet hand) flatten each ball into a 5" cookie and bake till done.

Now for some helpful hints: Cookie dough should be stiff so that it does not run and maintains its round shape. Bake a test cookie first; if dough is too soft, add more flour. If it is too dry, add one or more tablespoons of water or milk. For even browning, place only one cookie sheet in the oven at one time.

To avoid excessive spreading, chill the dough before baking it, and never use a hot cookie sheet.

The following cookies can be frozen before or after baking, so try them all. Whether you do a Brodningan Birthday, Monster Munchie, or Picayune Portions — enjoy!

OATMEAL COOKIES
¾ c. shortening
1 c. brown sugar, packed
½ c. granulated sugar
1 egg
¾ c. water
1 t. vanilla
1 c. all purpose flour (or 1 c. and 1 T. cake flour)
1 t. salt
1 t. cinnamon
½ t. soda
½ t. ground cloves
1 c. raisins
1 c. chopped nuts
3 c. quick-cooking oats

Thoroughly mix shortening, sugars, egg, water and vanilla. Stir in remaining ingredients. Chill dough. Drop dough by rounded spoonful 1-inch apart on greased baking sheet and bake at 350 F. If cookies are small, bake 12-15 minutes and remove from baking sheet immediately. For Monsters, mash to ½" thickness, increase baking time and let cool on baking sheet, then remove.

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Women don't tell each other everything

By ARLENE G. PECK

It wasn't so long ago that I wrote a column about all the things men don't tell women. Well, I wonder how many of you are aware that men actually believe that women gossip about everything. They think that we consider nothing sacred.

Take sex for instance. I know that men are under the misconception that women discuss everything! Well, it's just not so! Besides, no matter how good a friend your confident is, they really don't care if you've reached the world record with your beloved. Or, your little black book has more names in it than the Encyclopedia Britannica.

BESIDES, sex today is just as confused as everything else. The manuals and magazines have revealed there are untold ways to participate in sex. Sometimes you feel as though you're the only person alive who hasn't "done it" while riding on a ferris wheel or standing on your head at a Tupperware party. In my parents' day, all they had to do was memorize one position and remember to turn out the light.

But, what about love? Can men and women love equally? I suppose it's possible but generally I think that men are usually more rotten to women in love than women are to men. Love as it so happens just doesn't drop out of the sky. Those that are ready for it give off vibes. Not ones of desperation mind you, but the right signals.

If you genuinely like and approve of the opposite gender, then your pores are open and tolerant for good things to happen. Of course, there are those who are so cautious that they spend the remainder of their lives hunting for the perfect prospect. Those are the ones who miss a lot of living and loving.

And, it's so easy to fall into that trap of perfection. The longer you go single the easier it is to get so set in your ways that nobody could put up with you.

Personally, I've always felt that the regrets we have later in life are for the things that we didn't do when we had the opportunity. Of course, that thinking can be carried to excess. Divorces happen when the parties begin thinking that fidelity is something for the stereo.

I RECENTLY watched a television show about singles. When both men and women were asked what they wanted in a mate, the answer was most often a best friend. Can a lover be a best friend? Isn't that what love is all about? Friendship that caught on fire? And yet, lovers and friends are usually something quite different. At least initially. If you stay together long enough that can happen also. Love like anything else only takes the need, then the desire and finally the act.

Friendship is such a fragile thing. And, the bought kind is never the same. Agencies even advertise being able to send out, with only a short notice, a "friend." For a slight fee this "friend" would be willing to sit with you, talk with you or hold your hand if you are sick or dying. The only small catch is that this "friend" would be along only as long as you were able to continue to pay.

FRANKLY, I'm not even sure anymore that people know the meaning of relationship. We are living in a society in which such words as love and commitment are looked upon with suspicion and considered old fashion nonsense. It's true, most of the time people look at you as though you're not playing with a full deck if you try to verbalize words such as love, happiness and trust. Yet, without loving relationships we are missing all the other necessities of life, health and growth.

Women also don't handle superficial well. When they feel that they've seen more ceiling than Michelangelo and are getting more one night stands than a Michael Jackson concert, they tend to get terribly depressed. It's not wonderful when you get to feel that a ten is a three without a social disease.

But, what is the alternative?

Especially when one in two marriages today end in divorce. At the rate we're going the two-parent family will be the exception. Marriage does have the tendency to turn perfect young lovers into imperfect husbands and wives. But, singles are facing the fear of Herpes against the rest of the odds and they become terrified of each other. Even people who feel that their lives are going well begin to feel scared if they get older.

Women and men don't know what they want. Men are threatened with equality. Women may be liberated in their professional lives but too often they aren't necessarily so in their personal lives. They don't want a man to be threatened by a woman just because she is doing well and has made a success. But, today's lifestyle is confusing to the traditional "male role." It's human nature to mask our feelings and men today are afraid of being too macho. What is macho anyway? I grew up thinking that the definition of macho was Mexican food which had been brought in from California.

We've all become hesitant to communicate what's truly in our hearts. But, without that communication, too often the trade off is loneliness and isolation. Maybe the secret is not thinking of life as 'single life' but as a lifestyle. Once you get over thinking getting married is the solution to your problem, then the problems don't seem so big.

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At present, among the new books, there is a dearth of good reading matter. I am always on the lookout for a "tellable" story. There are a few authors who tell good stories but they often retell the same tale over and over again. Those books I hate to use my eyesight reading.

OCCASIONALLY, YOU READ A BOOK with a plot unusual enough to hold your interest, but even with books like this, if the characters are too wooden or the turns of the plot are too predictable, or the ending falls flat after a promise of something special in the beginning of the book... then you know that it wasn't worthwhile reading the darned thing in the first place.

The only thing I am a snob about is literature. But I find that the wonderful books are difficult to share, except in tiny doses. And I have learned that no book-reviewer is better than the story she has selected to share with a particular audience. I hate to admit how many giant eggs I have laid when I selected the wrong book for the wrong group.

HOWEVER, IF ONE IS an optimist, as I am, she shelves her failures and hopes for bigger and better stories.

Most of the books I have trouble sharing are those that pose problems with few simple solutions. Lost of people read to forget reality or to keep from raiding the refrigerator. What they look for is something schmalzy: a little sex; an on-again, off-again love affair, a happy ending with the author's assurance that "they lived happily ever after."

These books are easy to find. Danielle Steel and Princess Di's step-grandmother, Barbara Cartland, grind them out in a couple of weeks. There are some Jewish ladies... one from San Francisco and another from New Jersey who write in the same vein but I don't like to rat on a co-religionist.

IN THE NOVEL WRITTEN BY formula (sort of like painting by numbers) the story gets deadily dull. You have the feeling of déjà vu, as if you've been there before. Even prior to turning a page at a tense moment in the story, you can tell what will transpire in the rest of the chapter. In a way, books like that are restful... no surprises.

It is far too seldom that one is able to find the ideal book for nefarious purposes like mine. I most certainly have not found a story that is fresh and new, recently.

Last month, when I was ill, a neighbor who picks up my books from a shop in the loop where I order them, knocked at my door to tell me that she had several I had been waiting for. I had, of course, ordered them, but I order with plenty of faith and very little information. I could hardly wait to read them and I zipped through them in record time. One, I read and gave away to a friend who said she'd read ANYTHING. One book I read and I hope against hope that I can get a little mileage out of it, but I doubt it.

THE THIRD BOOK is rather interesting but I doubt that the author could get even a passing grade on her work in a freshman English writing class at a third rate college. And for that I paid almost \$18.00!

It only goes to prove that there are people with chutzpah who write mediocre books that dumb book-reviewers try to share with unsuspecting ladies who do not read as much as once they did. In any case, my story-telling is a blessed avocation for me and if I can only get a bunch of people to listen, I've got another reason for getting out of bed in the morning.

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What foods — colossal cookies

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(Note: for banana oatmeal cookies, omit water, increase soda to 1 t., and stir 1 cup (2-3 bananas) mashed banana into the shortening mixture.)

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

½ c. shortening (half margarine, softened)
½ c. peanut butter
½ c. granulated sugar
½ c. packed brown sugar
1 egg
1¼ c. all-purpose flour
(or 1¼ c. and 2 T. cake flour)
¾ t. soda
¾ t. baking powder
¾ t. salt

Mix thoroughly shortening, peanut butter, sugars and egg. Blend in flour, soda, baking powder and salt. Cover and chill. Using ice cream scoop, place portions on lightly greased baking sheet and flatten to 5" across, ¼" thick. With fork dipped in flour, make crisscross pattern across tops of cookies. Bake at 375 F. until edges are browned. If large, let cool on cookie sheet until set. If small, remove to cool.

OLD FASHIONED SUGAR COOKIES

1 c. margarine
1½ c. sugar

2 eggs
¼ c. flour
1 t. soda
1 t. baking powder
1 t. salt
½ t. nutmeg
1 c. sour cream
1½ t. vanilla
extra sugar to sprinkle over tops
Cream oleo with sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add dry ingredients alternately with sour cream, mixing until smooth. Blend in vanilla. Wrap in waxed paper and chill overnight or until firm enough to roll. Roll on

floured board to ¼" thickness, cut with cookie cutter. Or mold into Monster circles, on ungreased baking sheets. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 375 F. until browned. If Monster, let cool on cookie sheet until firm enough to move.

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

2 sticks oleo, softened
¾ c. white sugar
¾ c. packed brown sugar
1 t. vanilla
2 eggs
2¼ c. flour

1 t. baking soda
½ t. salt
1 c. chocolate chips
1 c. chopped nuts (optional)
Cream oleo, sugars and vanilla. Add eggs and beat. Combine flour, soda and salt and beat into batter gradually. Last, add chocolate chips and nuts. Bake at 375 F. until lightly browned and cool slightly before removing from sheet. Makes a Giant Birthday Cookie, some middle-sized Monsters, and lots of little crowd-pleasers!

Change on Zionism as racism by Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO — One of the first promises made by President-elect Tancredo Neves of Brazil was that he will overturn his nation's support of the UN 1975 resolution

equating Zionism with racism. He also stated that he hoped to expand Brazil's technical and scientific cooperation with Israel.

The Agency study

Although much too late, the review of activities of the Jewish Agency as shown by the news story in this issue, has a bigger message than even the future of that organization, which in its present setup has long been an anachronism, and needs more overhauling than merely better communications not only with the Jewish world but internally also.

The big message is that our national and world Jewish organizations can no longer keep their activities secret behind the excuse that their deliberations and activities are so sensitive that not even their boards of directors can be informed of what is being discussed.

If that determination can be made — that the Jewish world must be brought into the deliberations and the decision-making to a large extent — then what is happening to the Jewish Agency can be a price not too high to pay.

As it is from the local federations right up to the very top — whether the Council of Jewish Federations and its affiliates or any national organization — the charge can be made that they guard what they are doing so secretly that the professionals really make the decisions, not the lay people.

So bigger than bringing some order into the Jewish Agency setup, if that is possible and that is a question that should not be passed over lightly, is how to return the control of our national organizations to the people.

In the Agency Report the big fear is that if it were to yield to the needs of local federations then chaos would ensue in activities and fundraising for Israel as each recipient in Israel of any funds went on a campaign of their own.

When there were still large pockets in the American Jewish community that were either anti-Israel or lukewarm and not too much concerned, and these were usually the large givers, the late Henry Montor and then when he removed himself from the scene, Sam Rothberg, fought tooth and nail to preserve Israel's share and guard against any encroachment by supporters of local causes.

Arguments can be advanced on both sides.

If there is attrition in the percentages that Israel receives, they will be minimal, if for no other reason than that the local federation campaigns sail through to ever-increasing amounts on the back of the appeal of Israel. Yet there will be some attrition and hopefully the time will come when Israel can largely meet its own needs, and the world Jewish community can apply its funds mainly to local functions. It must not be forgotten that large amounts from the diaspora are raised outside of the federation campaigns, but these come from large donors, not the rank and file, and the beneficiaries are the Israeli institutions of higher learning, the hospitals, etc. etc.

In America too, funds are raised outside of the local federations by our seminaries, by Brandeis University, by the Anti-Defamation League, and the newest on a national basis, the Wiesenthal Institute.

What remains is not far short of chaos.

And what is required is not only the study that the Jewish Agency is going through, but a study of fundraising as a whole.

Erratum

The sentence in our editorial last week headed, "What's In Store Now That The Law of Return Upheld," which read "Had the Law of Return been altered, the Reform and Orthodox could have no alternative but to fight to the last for their rights. . . Obviously what were being referred to were Reform and the Conservatives. We regret the error."

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The EDITOR'S CHAIR

The Jewish community as a whole sees Russia as does the American public as a successful power that threatens world domination, and challenges the West and the U.S. not only in Afghanistan and elsewhere, but also in Central America. A different view is expressed by Mikhail Agursky in The Jerusalem Post, and is worth considering, even if it may be somewhat unrealistic. Agursky is a member of the Soviet and East European Research Centre at the Hebrew University. His article follows:

A crucial question, one usually overlooked or misunderstood, is the relationship between a country's internal affairs and its foreign policy. Even in small countries, internal considerations often dominate external policy.

In this country, many people feel that the Lebanon war resulted more from the internal dynamics of Israeli political life than any absolute defense necessity. Some even claim that the Likud initiated this costly "luxury" war in order to guarantee a long-time domination in Israeli political life.

Even where bigger countries, notably the superpowers, are concerned, foreign policy is often less conditioned by international reality and more determined by their own internal dynamics.

Regarding the Soviet Union, there is a deep-rooted opinion among experts that Russian foreign policy is more or less, a rational reaction to unfavourable trends, which the USSR thus tries to neutralize or renders more favourable to it. This view presents Soviet foreign policy as "reflective behaviour."

ONE CAN ARGUE that this seemingly logical picture has almost nothing to do with current Soviet Behaviour, and that it merely encourages one to draw the wrong conclusions in estimating real trends in Soviet foreign policy.

In fact, the Soviet Union, as the biggest country in the world, has no enemies which would like to destroy it. However, it does have enemies which are trying to stop its expansion, which constitutes the main world geopolitical danger since the 18th century.

Marx and Engels explained Russian expansionism by the immense amount of space which does not demand any intensive economic activity, since one can always find new land instead of investing in existing land. For this reason, Russian economics has always been extensive.

Essentially, this point of view still holds in the USSR. Russian economics has maintained its pillaging character because of the immense amount of natural resources. The barbaric exploitation of virgin land, Siberian resources or Russian forest is part of the national heritage. The country has become a victim of its space.

Russian expansion was thus a result of power and also of weakness, psychological compensation for the lack of efficiency, a substitute for intensive exploitation. Russian growth was not a result of health, but a manifestation of sickness.

This expansion was thus not motivated by the good or bad behaviour of a victim country. Cost was the only problem; everything that was easy to take was taken: friends as well as enemies. Many friendly neighbouring countries were swallowed up. But when Russian expansion met resistance, it immediately stopped.

Soviet Middle East policy has always had one final goal; fully-fledged Soviet domination in the area. Soviet support of Israel in 1947-1948 was aimed at throwing Britain out of the area; this support was conceived as merely a tactical step on the way to full domination in the Middle

East.

The subsequent deterioration in the Soviet attitude to Israel was not caused, as some people believe, by anything offensive in Israel's behaviour. Rather, the deterioration was caused by fluctuations in Soviet tactics and was a consequence of the internal political struggle within the Kremlin.

There is also a curious view that Soviet anti-Zionism, and even anti-Semitism, was an understandable Soviet reaction to the Israel-sponsored campaign for Soviet Jewry that got underway in 1955.

Such a thesis, if true, could have terrible political implications.

In fact, not only anti-Semitism but anti-Zionism existed in the Soviet Union long before the creation of the State as a purely Soviet domestic affair.

Incidentally, Soviet thaws in its relations with Israel — in 1953-1956 and in 1964-1966 — did not coincide with any change in Israeli policy and confirm the purely domestic motivation of the Soviet policy towards the Jewish State.

Now, Soviet expansion has come to a dead end because of the rapidly growing cost of expansion. The Soviets' neo-colonial system is being kept together only by enormous and growing investments. This system requires very expensive maintenance because of the immense distances involved in the Soviet empire.

Soviet economics simply cannot sustain the empire. Indeed, the Soviet military-industrial complex swallows the very best of the Soviet Union's resources. Agriculture has been ruined and the Soviets are now hopelessly dependent on the West for food.

Moreover, the Russian demographic strength, which was the foundation of Soviet political power, has also been hopelessly undermined.

By its own actions, the Soviet Union also provoked the current arms race, which it is unable to sustain, either in quality or in cost. It has passed the limits of its power and is likely now to continue on its irreversible decline.

It does not follow that the Soviet Union is weak. Indeed, even now, it is extremely powerful. It is weak only in relation to the unrealistic goals its leadership has been pursuing which have served to undermine the country.

Russia can recover within its natural boundaries and evolve along the lines of a nation-state, as happened with France and England. Even then, it will constitute a powerful force.

This process may explain the increasing signs of Soviet moderation in foreign policy and the Soviet Union's readiness to come to terms with the U.S. at least on the subject of the arms race, which is ruining the Soviet economy.

The Middle East policy of the Soviet Union is part and parcel of the global Soviet policy. The Soviet Union can no longer maintain the same assertive policy as before and will probably try to maintain the status quo mostly from considerations of public relations.

Certainly, it would like to come to terms with Israel as soon as possible: time is working against Soviet interests and its currently powerful position could later deteriorate.

At the same time, Israel must be ready to respond positively to any Soviet diplomatic opening, for after Soviet expansion ceases, Russia and Israel might be natural geopolitical allies.

Israel must follow carefully the internal political developments in the Soviet Union because only that will provide the clue to unravel the mystery of Soviet foreign policy.

Minor Austrian scandal: Nazi greeted

VIENNA — The minor scandal of a high Austrian official greeting a Nazi War Criminal who had been released from an Italian jail at the Vienna airport seemed to be passing over, but was another indication to observers that not everyone agrees that Nazi war criminals should still

be made to pay for their crimes.

Defense Minister Friedrich Frischenschlager met Maj. Walter R. Reder, 69, and escorted him to military barracks a number of miles away. Reder was released after commutation of his life sentence for the 1944 massacre of 1830 Italian civilians in a

village south of Bologna.

Among those pleading for his release was the same Chancellor Fred Sinowatz who apologized to the World Jewish Congress leaders at their board meeting here. The board had called for Frischenschlager's resignation, but accepted Sinowatz's apology.

Freedom of the Press

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Rabbi Aaron Wise disagrees on Schulweis prognostication

Editor, POST and OPINION:

Even though Rabbi Harold Schulweis is a close neighbor of mine, and I have high regard for his accomplishments, I must part company with him on the matter of "patrilineal descent."

As I see it, aside from every other consideration, the Reform Movement was influenced to accept this change from Jewish tradition because of the increasing numbers of "mixed marriages" in their congregations. When you have so many non-Jewish wives who have never converted to Judaism, who are members of your congregation and whose children are pupils in your religious school, then "patrilineal descent" is the only way to go about clearing up the confusion in their Jewish identity.

That does not mean that Reform Judaism can legislate for the entire Jewish people. In Conservative synagogue and, certainly, in Orthodox synagogues, we are not confronted by the problem of non-Jewish members. An argument can be made for "patrilineal descent" but an even stronger argument can be made for keeping the rules of Jewish identity as they have been for many generations.

One of the grave problems of Jewish life today is the splintering of our people. Small in numbers though we may be, we are being fragmented in so many ways. Even the State of Israel which has been the single most important element in holding World Jewry together, has lost its magnetic influence in welding us as one. For many of us our loyalty to Israel has been

fractured by the questions raised about the political and moral wisdom of its leaders.

That is why we don't want to fragmentize our people further by putting "patrilineal descent" on the agenda for interaction with Orthodox authorities in Jewish law. We don't get anywhere in these discussions, and I'm sure that this can become a divisive issue among Conservative rabbis as well.

Our colleagues have abided by the rules of conversion prescribed by Halakha, and our great complaint against the Orthodox rabbinate in Israel has been that they do not recognize the Halakic conversions of Conservative or Reform rabbis, just because we are held to be "illegitimate rabbis."

But that does not mean that we should proceed to ignore the traditional rules of conversion and blithely create our own standards for accepting new Jews into our ranks.

I remember how upsetting it was to learn that a Reform rabbi in our community was converting Gentiles to Judaism on the basis of a ten-minute conversation in his study. I would not recognize any credential such a rabbi would award such a convert.

It is my hope that we Conservative rabbis may yet work out a *modus vivendi* with our Orthodox colleagues, both in this country and in Israel. We should not kill such hopes by throwing the issue of "patrilineal descent" on the scale.

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Samantha Lindblad challenge errs

Editor, POST and OPINION:

The Jewish Post and Opinion published a letter of Dov Ben Khayyim, Oakland, CA, (P-O, Jan. 16) in which he severely criticized an article of Samantha Lindblad. He disagreed with her, because she praised a book whose author considered it "meritorious" to convert pagans.

While Dov Ben Khayyim was right when he objected to forced conversions and missionary activities, he went too far, for he stated that the Holocaust taught us the following lesson: "Each person has his own path, no less worthy than the path of another."

It is not true that this was a lesson of the Holocaust. National Socialism as practiced by the Nazis was a new paganism which deified the

"Fuehrer" and glorified the "master race" and "blood and soil." That false mysticism was definitely inferior to Christianity and Judaism. An immoral ideology like Nazism is surely inferior to ethical monotheism and to the faith in one God who gave the Ten Commandments and a guide for a moral way of life. Ethical religions are superior to any paganism with false gods.

I am sure that Samantha Lindblad who is a learned lady, is not an advocate of "blatant racism" as the author of the letter apparently thinks. Her article only showed her faith in the one and holy God, the master of the universe. We Jews should have respect for other religions and sincere convictions

P-O tries to shape news; Orthodoxy not opposing anything, for Halacha

Editor, POST and OPINION:

It is difficult to comment on a "trend" of newspaper reporting. However, citing recent articles as examples, I come to the conclusion that:

A) Regarding the whole issue of Law of Return, Halachic Conversion, Patrilineal descent, etc., your newspaper, through selective reporting, is trying to shape the news, rather than report it.

B) The newspaper reflects a tremendous ignorance (I dare not say malice) of the halachic perspective toward these issues.

In the last year, there has been numerous mention of right and left wing in Orthodoxy itself (Neusner? Jan. 2, '85). This implies somehow that there is latitude even within the halacha and that some Orthodox rabbis are more liberal vis-a-vis conversion, etc. The point is often made that the liberal Orthodox are afraid to voice their opinion!

This hypothesis is totally erroneous. While there are, and always were, Maikilim and Machmirim (lenient and stringent approaches), even the Maikilim recognize only conversions including acceptance of mitzvot in totality. There are lenient opinions regarding shaving one's beard, kosher meat and milk, and the size of a talit. There are virtually no lenient halachic opinions allowing conversion without acceptance of Shabbat, kosher, and the Jewish sex code observance along with commitment to all other mitzvot.

Orthodox withdraw funds from Leumi

TEL AVIV — A boycott of the Bank Leumi because its affiliate is constructing a luxury hotel in Tiberias over what the Orthodox believe is an ancient cemetery where Jewish sages were buried has already resulted in the withdrawal of some \$10 million by 400 Orthodox depositors.

The bank has also suffered losses from fires believed to be of arsonist origin, the latest only last month at a Jerusalem Branch resulting in damages estimated at \$100,000. The office of a branch manager in Mea Shearim also was set afire by what police believe was the same arsonist.

of other people as Ben Khayyim rightly recommends. We also should not engage in missionary activities; however, we Jews should believe in the sanctity of the Holy scriptures, and we should live as witnesses to the Lord, the Giver of the Torah and the God of Truth.

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In your editorial of Jan. 9, you write: "That this (Patrilineal Descent) is a 100% collision with time-honored Jewish practice requires no confirmation here." The above sentence distorts the issue to the point of intellectual dishonesty! Torah observant Jews are not as concerned with "time honored Jewish practice" as with halacha. The first may be habit, superstition, or trend. The latter is the set of rules given to us by G-D on Mount Sinai.

Reading your newspaper, one might conclude that Orthodoxy is on an anti-Reform crusade. Nothing could be further from the truth. Orthodoxy is not against anything, but rather for halacha. Whatever conforms to halacha, be it Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, progressive, liberal, socialist, bundist, communist, theocratic, or any other "ism," finds no argument from Orthodoxy. Whatever is not halachic, Orthodoxy cannot and will not accept. A Reform Jew's observance of lulav for the mitzvah of Sukkot is without doubt just as valid as that of an Orthodox Jew doing the same. A Reform Jew is "just as Jewish" as any other Jew.

Rabbi Harold Schulweis' comment (P-O, Jan. 2), "the acceptance of patrilineal descent in the future seems most likely and that it is imperative for the Conservative and Orthodox communities to meet privately to work out a *modus vivendi* regarding converts to Judaism," reflects

(pardon me) ignorance and chutzpah. Ignorance of the halachic ramifications of conversion and the inability of Orthodoxy to meet half way. Chutzpah because he tries to push a Reform problem onto that branch of Judaism which hasn't caused it and isn't harmed by it. Orthodoxy has not been as successful for the last 100 years as it is today! Whether Rabbi Schulweis cares to admit it or not, the fact is that intermarriage is simply not even an issue for well over 95% of Orthodox children today. I'm not saying that 5% intermarry, but rather than 5% are at least faced sociologically with the option.

Reform unfortunately decided to deal with the problem by calling it "no problem." Historically, the more lenient a religion became in order to retain backsliders, the less members it ultimately kept. Our children recognize that a set of codes easily modified to trends cannot be very important to keep altogether. Orthodoxy today is a shining example of the fact that only by maintaining standards can we continue to thrive. Rather than modifying the rules (and then calling the 3,000-year status quo "divisive"), Reform might consider following the halacha to help its members thrive as Jews along with their children and children's children — Shalom al Yisroel.

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Arab bank believes some Jews employed

NEW YORK — The flurry of interest in the mushrooming Arab banks in the U.S. has led to a roundup story in the New York Times and elicited the response of Fakhruddin Khalil, of the UBAF-Arab American Bank here, that there are no religious

requirements for employment. "... anybody who applies and is qualified will be hired irrespective of religion," he told the newspaper. He said he did not know how many employees were Jewish, but assumed that there were some.

TV bans tampons; women outraged

TEL AVIV — Refusal of Israel TV to permit a manufacturer of tampons to sponsor programs has caused feminists to cry "discrimination." They accused the broadcasting authorities of basing their

ban on "medieval considerations," and made the point that "tampons are used regularly by women, just as men use shaving cream — and that hasn't been banned."

40 Arabs serve in Israeli army

TEL AVIV — While more than 40 Israeli Arabs — Christians and Moslems — joined the Israel Defense Forces in 1984, the proposal that Israeli Arabs either serve in the military or donate an equal amount of time and income as his Jewish counterparts has been made.

The proposal came from Dr. Heskell M. Haddad, president of the World Organi-

zation for Jews from Arab Countries, who resides in New York. "I believe," he wrote in a letter to The Jerusalem Post that "Israeli Arabs should welcome equality even at the risk of military service."

The more than 40 who did elect to serve in the Israeli army are composed of about half who are Bedouin and the other half Christian and Moslem villagers.

'God Knows' — a failed attempt

God Knows, by Joseph Heller. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1984. 353 pp.

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A noted author is entitled to an occasional poor performance, which is the kindest thing one can say about Joseph Heller's latest, *God Knows*. Heller has chosen as his subject King David in his old age, reminiscing about past exploits, battles won, intrigues overcome, women bedded. David's life would be a challenge to any author — an earthy, violent man, who yet communed with God Himself and wrote some of the world's greatest poetry. Even disregarding his position in Judaism as supreme warrior-king and ancestor of Messiah, he is a formidable character. Heller's David, in contrast, is a smug, self-adoring adjectival all who speaks in long, adjective-laden sentences devoid of any human feeling. His digressive quotations from the Psalms only point up the coarseness of his character.

HELLER MIXES foul language as well — for shock value or a cheap laugh, I'm not sure which. Foul language by itself does not disgust me, but its use to cover up a lack of original thought does. There are several sophomoric attempts at humor, most of which fall flat. The episode of the Philistine foreskins offered to King Saul in exchange for daughter Michal is typical of this: bathroom humor, plain and simple.

Another annoying literary device is David's seeming foreknowledge of future history — he describes Michelangelo's David ("He's got me standing there uncircumcised! Who the f—k did he think I was?"), Bach's "Air for the G String" (David claims to have composed it), Shakespeare (David claims to have written his lines), Milton, Shelley, the *Iliad*, and on and on. These time-vaulting digressions are not David at all; they are Heller, voicing his likes and dislikes in literature and music. A former college professor, perhaps he has taught too many survey of literature courses. The

book is also repetitive, relating the same episodes again and again without adding any details.

THE MEANING of the title is that David, who has been God's favorite for so many years, now feels disgruntled from Him, but unbendingly refuses to kowtow or ask for guidance. "He owes me an apology, but God won't budge so I won't budge. . . I'm a much better person than He is." As for explaining why the good suffer, Heller/David states: "God (has) this self-serving habit of putting all blame for His own mistakes upon other people. . . So much for theodicy."

While reading the book, I frequently returned to Heller's earlier works for comfort — *Catch 22*, the absurdly comical touchstone for the postwar generation; *Something Happened*, a journey into modern man's heart of darkness; and *Good as Gold*, a flawed but readable treatment of the American Jew's entry into WASP society. I omit Heller's aptly-named anti-Vietnam War play, *We Bombed in New Haven*.

God Knows prompts me to say, in David's own words, "How have the mighty fallen!" And yet, ironically, most of the book reviews in the American Jewish press have praised the novel; one starstruck reviewer even compared it to the *Midrash*. It is true that the book is unlike most Biblically-based novels, whose style usually borders more on soap opera than Scripture.

IN LIGHT OF Heller's past triumphs, I am willing to forgive him this one failure. But, stand warned: it is clear that, had Heller not written it, *God Knows* no one would have published it.

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MAJO appeals to Rajiv Gandhi

NEW YORK — The hope that the ascendancy of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi may change India's policy towards Israel was substance of an appeal to him from Kenneth J. Bialkin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations (MAJO). Pointing out that "on numerous occasions the Indian government has discriminated against Israeli citizens — athletes, scientists, jurists and others — by denying them permission to enter your country," Bialkin wrote to Gandhi that "India's hostility toward a vibrant sister democracy and a staunch American ally has affected the attitudes of many in this country

who would like to identify more with India's causes and concerns."

Vegetarians print Passover recipes

BALTIMORE — Low cholesterol recipes for Passover, featuring 40 eggless dishes and information on a vegetarian seder plate have been published and are available for \$1 from Jewish Vegetarians, P.O. Box 1463, Baltimore 21203. The organization promotes the practice of vegetarianism within the Jewish tradition and its publications explore the relationship between Judaism, dietary laws and vegetarianism.

UN head denounces Jews drink blood lie

NEW YORK — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar told the World Jewish Congress that the anti-Semitic diatribe of the Saudi representative at a U.N. seminar was "racist, shameful, and totally unacceptable."

Israel Singer, WJC executive director, and Elan Steinberg, its U.N. Representative, were told by the Secretary-General of his concern about the remarks of Dr. Maouf Dawalibi, the Saudi Representative at the U.N. Seminar on Religious Tolerance in Geneva that the Talmud says that "if a Jew does not drink every year the blood of a non-Jewish man, then he will be damned for eternity."

At the Geneva Seminar, the Representative of the World Jewish Congress and the B'nai B'rith, Daniel Lack, took the floor to describe Dawalibi's statement as "one of the most nauseating archetypal, anti-Semitic diatribes it has been my misfortune to hear in almost 20 years attendance at meetings of U.N. bodies."

Singer and Steinberg informed the Secretary-General of documentation showing that Dawalibi was a close associate of Hajj Amin Al Hussein, the late Mufti of Jerusalem, who worked for Hitler in World War II.

The WJC Congress did not explain why the Cuellar waited for their remonstrance to denounce the outrageous canard.

Conservatives form singles commission

NEW YORK — A National Singles Commission to coordinate singles groups within the Conservative community has been formed, with Rabbi Stephen Listfield as chairman.

Russia ready to shift gears?

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mann, always kept the door open for any Russian initiative as far as Israel and world Jewry were concerned, and was often criticized severely for his belief that Russia should be invited to talks on Middle East peace.

MR. BRONFMAN has also spoken with a soft voice about Russia, and some informed sources believe that he is being asked to come to Moscow as part of a lessening of the harsh dealing not only with Jews within Russia but of those who seek visas to emigrate. The feeling in the Kremlin may be that world Jewry could play a role now that arms race talks are moving ahead between her and the U.S.

Bronfman said he would probably be going to Moscow at the end of March and that he would raise the issue of emigration of Jews and imprisonment of Jewish activists.

Jewish Genealogy

This column is aimed at aiding readers who are tracing their family roots. Irwin M. Berent is the founder of the first local Jewish genealogical club in America — the Jewish Genealogical Club of Tidewater, Virginia, and co-author of *Jewish Genealogy: A Sourcebook of Family Histories and Genealogies*. Readers may send their requests to *Genealogy*, Jewish Post and Opinion, P.O. Box 449097, Indianapolis, In. 46202. There already is a backlog of names to be researched, so time may elapse before the appearance of the answer to your request. Mr. Berent is also available for those who wish him to conduct additional research for a fee.

I recently received an enthusiastic phone call from a reader of this column, Marc Nomberg, of Dothan, AL (address: P.O. Box 158, Headland, AL, 36345), who says that he is looking for anyone who might have information on persons with the Nomberg name. He says that his ancestors came from Praszka, near Grodno, Poland. He is also trying to learn more about the family history/genealogy of Yiddish writer Hirsch David Nomberg, perhaps from Ashtenaw, near Warsaw. Other families of his interest include Wexler, Weixell, and Messengisser.

Al Dolin, of 295 S. Belvoir Blvd., South Euclid, OH 44121, asks an interesting question about how three different Dolinsky families from the same area took the same name. He writes: "My great-grandfather lived in Russia (sometimes Poland) in Brest Litovsk and Komenitz. Stories handed down told that he had 18 children. His first name was either Nathan or Dov, no one was sure. Names and number of his wives are unknown. Eight descendants of his 18 children lived in Cleveland, Ohio. Other Dolinskys, not blood relatives, also came from the same area in Russia, or Poland, and live in Cleveland. A close Dolinsky friend, born in Poland, told us that there were three unrelated Dolinsky families where he came from. One Dolinsky family was Cohanim, another was Levim, the third non-Jewish. Will you please enlighten us how three different families took the same name and the name of the town where this occurred?"

According to Rabbi Ben Zion Kaganoff, the Dolinsky name was taken by persons who had come from Dolina. There is a Dolina, formerly located in Stanislawow Province of southern Poland, now in western Ukraine, USSR. It is only about 100 miles from Kamenets-Podolski and about 300 miles from Brest. There is also a Dolina in Lithuania. Perhaps these three families all came from the same town at about the same time. Possibly you will discover that some natural disaster or political upheaval occurred in Dolina which caused an exodus of much of the community. There are Dolinskys in White Plains (Aaron Dolinsky) and Valley Stream, NY (Louis L.); New Haven, CT (Albert H.); Los Angeles, CA (Howard); Germantown, MD (Steven Harry); and elsewhere.

Editor's note: In his column, "Names", in the P-O of Sept. 12, 1982, the late Norbert Pearlroth answered the following request from Alex Dolinsky of Cleveland.

"What does the family name Dolinsky mean? My father comes from Brest-Litovsk on the border of Russia and Poland."

Mr. Pearlroth responds: Dolinsky is a family name of two Jewish families inhabiting the village of Dolina in the government of Vilna, Lithuania. The village had no other houses but two village inns, one a private one and the other government licensed. Both lessees were Jews and they and their families constituted the entire population of Dolina. The customers were the villagers from miles around. There are hundreds of localities named Dolina in Poland, as the word means "a valley".

Second Editor's note: Morton Dolinsky, who was active in the American Jewish community and made aliyah a number of years ago, was head of the Israel Press Information Office until recently.

ORT, Peace Corps to work together

WASHINGTON — World Jewry's big contribution to training and education in basic needs of food, shelter, health and education through ORT, the Organization for Rehabilitation through (vocational) training has been advanced through an arrangement with the U.S. Peace Corps.

An official agreement has been reached with the Peace Corps to collaborate on a variety of training projects in developing countries where both Peace Corps and ORT operate. Loret Ruppe, Peace Corps director, said that the cooperation will have tremendous potential for helping Third World countries "in

practical ways limited only by our imaginations."

Peace Corps and ORT ultimately seek to hand over their self-help projects to local control.

ORT now operates in 34 countries. ORT and the Peace Corps have worked together when possible since 1966 when the Jewish organization began training Peace Corps volunteers assigned to West Africa.

Tourism to Israel exceeded expectations last year with 405,000 Americans visiting the Jewish State, an increase of 15 percent, the best since 1948.